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When the initiating satellite can handle the call (block 306), the initiating GW sets up a CDR for that call (block 308). Each CDR desirably includes the initiator RC (i.e., desirably the RC identifying the region in which an initiating communication unit is located), the responder RC (i.e., desirably the RC identifying the region in which a responding communication unit is located), the start time of the call, the device types, data rates, and traffic type (e.g., voice, data/fax, paging, etc.).